

## Appendix H: General Green Building Resources

### Green Building Initiative

The Green Building Initiative organization provides useful resources such as a partial list of communities that have created their own consumer-oriented green building guidelines. The list contains links to community websites nationwide that have set their own green building standards and can be used to get ideas and examples of sustainable practices.

Website:

[www.thegbi.org/consumer/guidecountry.asp](http://www.thegbi.org/consumer/guidecountry.asp)

### The Sustainable Design Resource Guide

Denver AIA Committee on the Environment has created a guide organized according to the sixteen divisions of the Construction Specifications Institute (CSI). Each division is prefaced by an introduction that outlines specific concerns related to the products and systems in that division. This is followed by product listings and information designed to help purchase or specify sustainable building products.

Website: [www.aiacolorado.org/SDRG/home.htm](http://www.aiacolorado.org/SDRG/home.htm)

### Building Green.com

Building Green.com is a comprehensive resource that includes articles written about environmental topics such as land-use, energy and water conservation, waste management, design considerations and much more. The site also includes case studies and environmentally friendly product listings known as Green Spec (See description below).

### Green Spec

#### Product Directory

Green Spec is Building Green's product information service. It contains detailed listings for more than 1,800 environmentally preferable building products with descriptions, manufacturer information, and links to additional resources. The database is searchable by CSI division or LEED credit.

Website:

[www.buildinggreen.com/menus/index.cfm](http://www.buildinggreen.com/menus/index.cfm)

### Environmental Design and Construction

Environmental Design and Construction is a high-performance building publication and website that provides resources, services and building product information including print magazine and electronic newsletter.

Website: [www.edcmag.com/](http://www.edcmag.com/)

### Greener Buildings

Greener Buildings is a resource that includes an overview of the world of greener buildings, including the latest findings on the bottom-line payoffs and resources per LEED credit.

Website: [www.greenerbuildings.com/](http://www.greenerbuildings.com/)

### Resource Venture

#### A Contractors Introduction to LEED

This resource includes a fact sheet providing information and resources to assist contractors in understanding LEED. This publication is Seattle-specific, but an overview applicable to all contractors.

Website:

[www.resourceventure.org/rv/publications/building/LEEDIntro.pdf](http://www.resourceventure.org/rv/publications/building/LEEDIntro.pdf)

### Advanced Buildings Technologies & Practices

The Advanced Buildings' website has developed a guide of technologies and practices that improve the energy and resource efficiency of commercial and multi-unit residential buildings.

Website: [www.advancedbuildings.org/](http://www.advancedbuildings.org/)

### BEES 3.0

The BEES (Building for Environmental and Economic Sustainability) software is a tool for selecting cost-effective, environmentally-preferable building products.

Website:

[www.bfrl.nist.gov/oe/software/bees.html](http://www.bfrl.nist.gov/oe/software/bees.html)

### New Buildings Institute

New Buildings Institute, Inc. is a not-for-profit public benefits corporation, helping to make buildings better for people and the environment.

Website: [www.newbuildings.org](http://www.newbuildings.org)

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